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24. (New) The ~~brake pad~~ of claim 18, further includes several spring elements which, under spring bias, ~~are~~ respectively associated abutable with exactly one portion in the groove in the piston.

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Sub B57 25. (New) The brake pad of claim 18, further including two first spring elements, wherein each one of said two first spring elements includes one first spring portion for urging the brake pad against the piston.

Sub C3 26. (New) The brake pad of claim 25, wherein the two first spring elements are arranged opposite each other with respect to the piston axis.

27. (New) The ~~brake pad~~ of claim 24, further including at least one second spring element with a second spring portion which applies a spring force to the brake pad vertically to a piston axis.

Sub C3 28. (New) The brake pad of claim 22, wherein the spring element is configured as a sheet-metal spring or a wire spring.

Sub B67 29. (New) The brake pad of claim 18, wherein the retaining member is configured as a hook or eyelet.

30. (New) The brake pad of claim 18, wherein the retaining plate is configured as a damping plate.

REMARKS

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the new claims and the enclosed substitute specification (under 37 CFR 1.125) is respectfully requested. It is believed that the substitute specification and new claims will facilitate processing of the application in accordance with M.P.E.P. 608.01(q). The substitute

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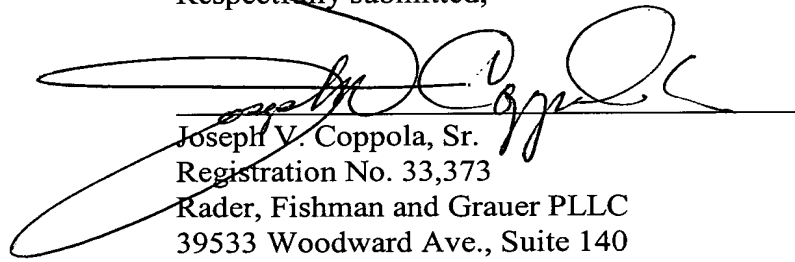
specification and new claims are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 (a and b) and, while making no substantive changes, are submitted to conform this case to the formal requirements and long-established formal standards of U.S. Patent Office practice, and to provide improved idiom and better grammatical form.

The enclosed substitute specification is presented herein in both marked-up and clean versions.

STATEMENT

The undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the mark-up copy of the original specification. The substitute specification contains no new subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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